Wakf Properties in Occupation of various State Governments

4496. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Wakf properties in the occupation of State Governments of Punjab/Haryana/Himachal Pradesh and U. T. of Chandigarh.

(b) the details of those Wakf properties which have been allotted to them by the Board;

(c) the details of those properties which have been encroached upon by them; and

(d) the steps taken to retrieve the encroached/illegally occupied properties and the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI):'(a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Training in Hindi Typing and Stenography

†4497 SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of typists and stenographers under her Ministry, including subordinate offices, who have not taken training in Hindi typing and stenography;

(b) the reasons for not giving them such training, so far; and

(c) by when it is planned to give them such training ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The number of typists and stenographers who have not taken training in Hindi typing and stenography is given below :—

	Typist	Stenographers
Ministry	30	25
Subord. Office	Nil	02

† Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) The training in Hindi typing and stenography is conducted by Deptt. of Official Language (MHA) which takes care of all the ministries and have limited number of seals. Moreover, the trained staff of the ministry often goes out of the ministry on promotion, deputation and transfer and fresh staff joins in their place.

(c) Keeping in view that 10 typists and stenographers could be covered in one year, the existing staff would be given training in Hindi typing and stenography within a period of five years.

Pension Scheme for Unorganised Sector

4498. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to bring unorganized sector under pension scheme;

(b) whether any expert committee was appointed by Government on this count;

(c) whether it has given report; and

(d) if so, the salient features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The salient features of the report of the Expert Committee are as follows :—

(i) The Project OASIS (an acronym for Old Age Social & Income Security) Expert Committee submitted its report to the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in January, 2000. The Committee has recommended a system which can be used by unorganized sector workers spread all over India, which enables them to attain old age income security at the price of modest contribution rates through their working career.

(ii) The proposed system is based on Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA). A person will open a single IRA with the proposed system